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PALM BEACH, Fla., March 27.—B. F. Keith of Brookline, Mass., the vaudeville magnate, dropped dead of heart disease at his hotel here at midnight last night.

Mr. Keith was sixty-seven years old and apparently had been in the best of health. Mrs. Keith and Paul Keith, a son, were with him here. Mr. Keith and his son had been discussing business matters in their apartments and the latter, stepping outside for a moment, returned to find his father dead. The body will be taken to Boston today. Mr. Keith was married to Miss Ethel Bird Chase in Washington, D. C., October 29 last. They were spending the winter here.

Joined Circus at Age of Eighteen.
Benjamin F. Keith was born in Hillsboro Bridge, N. H., and until he was eighteen years of age was content to live on the farm. At that age he saw a performance of Van Amburgh's circus and he became a follower of the show as a laborer. He continued in the show business for himself several years later and followed it until 1882, when he conceived the idea of a continuous vaudeville performance. Mr. Keith originated the "continuous performance" in Boston. He began his career as proprietor of a small museum there two years earlier. The success of vaudeville was almost spontaneous and Mr. Keith was launched upon a career that placed him in the front ranks of theatrical managers and others. In 1906 he combined forces with F. F. Proctor, his greatest competitor, and for a time the firm owned a large number of vaudeville theaters known as the Keith and Proctor circuit. Later the firm was dissolved and Mr. Keith organized a new string of theaters now well known as the Keith circuit.

Funeral in Boston.

Mr. Keith was the owner of Keith's Theater here, and the husband of the former Miss Ethel Chase, whose father, P. B. Chase, was once owner of the playhouse. Word was received at the theater today that the funeral would be held in Boston. The establishment continued open as usual this afternoon. The marriage of Mr. Keith and Miss Chase last October attracted much attention. The ceremony was performed aboard Mr. Keith's yacht, which was then in the Potomac. A short time previously H. R. Chase, brother of Miss Chase, died in Cuba. Mr. Keith's daughter, Miss Ethel, was united in marriage.

Immediately after their wedding Mr. and Mrs. Keith left on their yacht for Florida. Mr. Chase, father of Mrs. Keith, has since returned to his former home in Ohio.

ARMY—NAVY.

Army Orders.
Col. Samuel W. Dunham, 13th Infantry, will proceed to Manila, P. I., and join his regiment.

First Sgt. Edward Gosche, Troop M, 6th Cavalry, Fort Myer, Va., is transferred as private to the general service, infantry, at Syracuse, N. Y.

Naval Orders.
Commander F. H. Schofield, to command the Isla de Luzon.

Commander Luke McNamee, from inspector of engineering material, Massachusetts district, to command the Sacramento.

Lieut. Commander H. E. Cook, from the Vermont, to command the tugboat, Midway Steel Company, Philadelphia, Pa.

Lieut. Commander W. H. Reynolds, from bureau of steam engineering, to the Utah.

Lieut. J. G. R. S. Edwards, from command first division submarine flotilla to the Tallahassee.

Lieut. J. G. E. J. Estess, from reserve torpedo division, Annapolis, Md., to Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

Ensign P. M. Bates, from California to Pittsburgh.

Surgeon C. N. De Vatin, from fleet surgeon, Pacific fleet, to home, wait orders.

Assistant Naval Constructor J. E. O'Brien, from navy yard, Boston, to navy yard, New York.

Assistant Civil Engineer Gaylord Church, to Naval Hospital, Las Animas, Col., for treatment.

Assistant Surgeon H. H. Lanning, from Saratoga to Villavieja.

Assistant Surgeon R. F. Jones, from Villavieja to Naval Hospital, Canacao, P. I.

Chief Boatwain F. D. Blakey, from naval station, Olongapo, P. I., to naval station, Cavite, P. I.

Chief Gunner J. C. Evans, to home, wait orders.

Gunner N. Chaffin, from Saratoga to Monterey.

Machineist Fred San Soucie, from Saratoga to home, wait orders.

Machineist S. E. Sorenson, from naval station, Olongapo, P. I., to Saratoga.

Carpenter L. T. Herrmann, from naval station, Olongapo, P. I., to home, wait orders.

Marine Corps Orders.
Col. J. A. Lejeune, Lieut. Col. W. C. Neville and Maj. Harry Lee have been commissioned.

Naval Movements.
The Supply has arrived at Guam, the Orion at Melville, R. I.; the Tonopah, D-1, D-2, D-3, E-1 and E-2 at St. Petersburg, Fla.; the Nanshan at San Francisco; the Worden at Norfolk yard; the Wyoming at Hampton roads; the Texas at New York yard; the H-3 at Seattle; the San Francisco at Tampa and the Glacier at Guaymas.

The Parker, Aylwin, Cummins and Cushing have sailed from Guaymas to Guaymas for the La Paz, Lower California. The Balch has been ordered commissioned at the navy yard, Philadelphia, as soon as practicable after delivery by contract.

THE COURTS.

District Supreme Court.

EQUITY COURT NO. 1—Justice Gould. Drury agt. Lane; exceptions overruled; auditor's report ratified; plaintiff's attorney, M. J. Keane; defendant's attorneys, F. J. Hogan and D. W. O'Donoghue.

Watson agt. Burwell; James M. Proctor appointed receiver; bond, \$500; plaintiff's attorney, F. S. Perry; defendant's attorneys, John Ridout and Oscar Nauk.

Dunham agt. Whitfield; decree quieting title; plaintiff's attorney, E. C. Dutton.

Taft agt. Arlington Hotel Company; order authorizing receivers to file bill in equity; receivers' attorney, E. H. Thomas.

EQUITY COURT NO. 2—Justice Stafford. In re lunacy of Annie E. Waters; committee authorized to make certain expenditure forward.

In re lunacy of Adelaide V. Hall; hearing on rule continued to April 3.

Boyce agt. Jenkins; plaintiff directed to make conveyance, certain sum ordered paid; plaintiff's attorney, R. E. Walker; defendant's attorneys, Berry & Minor.

Irwin agt. Irwin; plaintiff allowed to proceed in own right and name to record; plaintiff's attorney, L. A. Bailey; defendant's attorney, W. C. Balderston.

Crawford agt. Smith; rule as to contempt returnable April 3; plaintiff's attorneys, A. B. Webb and E. Forrest; defendant's attorney, E. H. Hopey.

Melvin agt. Woolf; guardian ad litem appointed; plaintiff's attorney, W. Gwynn Gardner.

Ritchie agt. Smith; sale ratified and reference to auditor; plaintiff's attorney, George H. Lamar.

Xanten agt. Xanten; order of publication; plaintiff's attorney, R. E. Mattingly.

Saffell agt. MacVeagh; leave granted counsel to withdraw.

Dowling agt. Gordon; motion to dis-

miss granted; plaintiff's attorneys, A. H. Stewart and O. A. Phelps; defendant's attorney, George C. Gertman.

Bennett agt. Kelly; rule discharged; plaintiff's attorneys, J. P. Seleck and Alexander Wilson; defendant's attorney, W. C. Balderston.

CIRCUIT COURT NO. 1—Justice Barnard. English agt. Compton; finding by court that title to property is in the claimant.

Charles H. Squire; plaintiff's attorneys, Rhodes & Cromelin; claimant's attorneys, Mark Stearnman and P. H. Loughran.

Joy agt. Washington Railway and Electric Company; bill of particulars ordered in five days; defendant to plead in five days thereafter; plaintiff's attorney, D. W. Perkins; defendant's attorney, W. G. Johnson.

Arnold Dretz & Co. agt. Deichman; motion for judgment granted for \$15 additional against John C. Deichman; non-pros as to defendant, Anne E. Deichman; plaintiff's attorney, R. M. Hudson; defendant's attorney, L. A. Block.

Rich agt. Mark; motion for new trial argued and submitted; plaintiff's attorneys, Nelson Wilson and Howard Boyd; defendant's attorney, H. E. Davis.

Belt agt. Folger; verdict for defendant; plaintiff's attorney, J. E. Padgett and W. M. Ellison; defendant's attorneys, Carlisle, Luckett & Howe.

CIRCUIT COURT NO. 2—Justice Anderson. Leapley agt. Myers; plea in abatement withdrawn; leave granted to file amended declaration forthwith; plaintiff's attorneys, Ambrose & Block; defendant's attorney, M. D. Rosenberg.

Winters agt. Darst; plaintiff granted leave to file amendment to declaration forthwith; defendant granted twenty days to plead to amended declaration; plaintiff's attorneys, Worthington & Frailey; defendant's attorney, George F. Hoover.

Parsons agt. Lewis; judgment on verdict for plaintiff for \$1,000; appeal noted; supersedeas bond, \$3,000; cost bond, \$100.

Frederick agt. United States Express Company; continued for the term; plaintiff's attorneys, Doyle & Beach; defendant's attorney, R. A. Ford.

Rowe agt. Shoes; demurrer to third plea sustained; plaintiff's attorney, Alexander Wolf; defendant's attorney, M. J. Colbert.

Jaeager agt. Seibel; verdict for plaintiff for \$75; plaintiff's attorney, E. L. Giles; defendant's attorney, M. J. Colbert.

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